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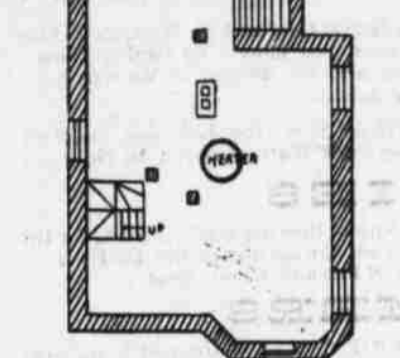
VIEW.

The author of the design in this case is Mr. Edward W. Smith, of Jamaica Plain, Mass.

The height of stories: First story, 9 feet; second story, 8 feet 6 inches; cellar, 6 feet 6 inches.

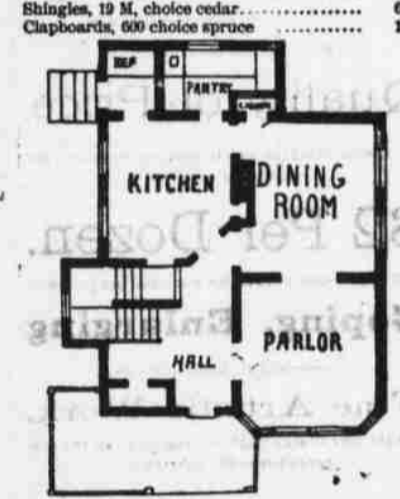
DETAILED ESTIMATE OF COST.

Cellar, 6,000 \$250
Boards, 6,000 90



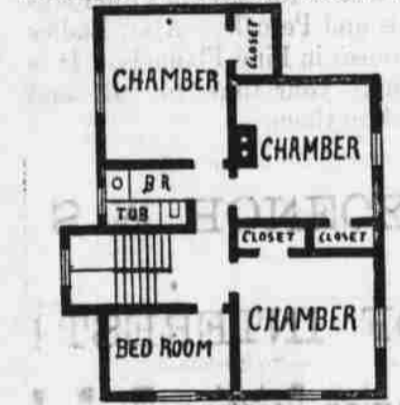
CELLAR PLAN.

Framing and studding, 7,500 125
Furring, 1,000; grounds, 1,000; corner boards, 100 10
Doors, 20 complete 10
Windows, 10 complete 75
Outside finish, 1,000 feet 45
Gutters and conductors (wood) 40
Inside finish, 1,000 feet whitewash 10
Base, 300 feet 12
Chimney, 10 M. choice cedar 62
Clapboards, 600 choice spruce 28



GROUND FLOOR.

Flooring, kitchen hard pine, rest second spruce 50
Stairs, 10 10
Shedding, kitchen and bath room 10
Bath room, stock whitewash 5
Paper sheathing, 1 X L 5
Flashing, zinc and lead 5
Hardware 25
Brick work, chimneys and pier 130
Plastering 130
Plumbing 175



SECOND STORY.

Mantels 30
Two brackets, back door 3
Plaza, porch and rail and floor 15
Painting 125
Outside steps 10
Cellar window 10
Furnace 110
Panels in bay for stairs 5
Labor 400
Total \$2,041

An Artistic Dining Room.

Here is a cut made from a larger plate recently published in Building, an architect.



DINING ROOM IN A HAVERHILL RESIDENCE.

ural weekly of New York city. It represents the dining room in the residence of Mr. John H. Sanborn, Haverhill, Mass., and was furnished by Perkins & Bauscott, architects.

Babies in California.

At one time a woman could hardly walk through the streets of San Francisco without having every one pause and gaze on her, and a child was so rare that, once in a theatre in the same city where a woman had taken her infant, when it began to cry, just as the orchestra began to play, a man in the pit cried out: "Stop those fiddles and let the baby cry. I haven't heard such a sound for ten years." The audience applauded this sentiment, the orchestra stopped and the baby continued its performance amid unbounded enthusiasm. —Rehoboth Herald.

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CORSETS ARE CURSES.

SOMETHING CONCERNING HOW AND WHEN THEY ORIGINATED.

Ovid Puts Them at the Head of Remedies Against Love—Oils and Unguents in Developing the Human Form Divine—A Few Points Also About Fast Gear.

The small accessories of toilets, whether they be necessities or only pretty adjuncts, have made industries which have employed many people in their manufacture, and have added largely to the growth of that passion for dress which has, in different centuries, broken out in both man and woman. Adoration for the human form has covered the feet, bedecked the hands with jeweled trifles, and incased the body feminine in stiff whalebones until it has become of different shape than nature intended. No article of apparel is so much discussed at this time as the corset; in truth, there is an absolute war over it.

TO MAKE THEM GRACEFUL.

Still, this same corset has held sway long and firmly. Even in the days when the Greek sculptors bided their ideal of beauty on the Venus de Milo writers inveighed against large waists, Ovid putting them at the head of remedies against love. They were an undoubted outgrowth from the bandages worn by the Greeks to restrain a tendency to corpulence, and were as much used by men as by women, if we are to believe Aristophanes. History also relates that Marc Antony had need to resort to such means "to compress his swelling figure." The bands were three in number—the strophium, a bandage wound round the bust; a zona, or the waist belt, and the tertia, wound round and round below the waist. Nor were the bandages worn alone for compressing undue rotundity of form. They were made wider and longer and wrapped in large folds about slight figures to give them the grace of undulating lines. From the latter use, more than the former, has descended the reprehensible habit of lacing, the cause of the outcry against the stiff, whaleboned corset of today.

In the ancient days a very thin, slender figure attained to a much admired position by being enfolded in a large and voluminous strophium and tertia, and using only one thickness of bandage as the zona, producing the first effect of an unnaturally small waist. When this did not prove effectual in disguising the lack of cushioning to their bones they resorted to oils and unguents for bathing the body; goose fat mixed with warm milk and the egg of a partridge, the conglomeration being highly scented, was deemed the most productive of the desired embowment. But great care was taken that not a drop should fall on the body near the waist; in fact, while going through the fattening process the zona was worn day and night.

Since the days of incense burning in the temples, a record of which is found in the books of Moses, have perfumes been used, and from the Egyptians, through the Jewish people, has passed the art of making them, of burning aromatics and of carrying about richly wrought flacons of scent which have sometimes been made in the form of smelling bottles and again as perfume sprinklers. The fashionable woman of today wears her antique silver vinaigrette suspended from her chatelaine or carries her scent about in a costly flacon, rich with clusings or carvings, filigree work or enamel of fragile Venetian glass, or of metal thickly studded with jewels, and none of a greater size than can be readily carried in the hand, which fashion Queen Elizabeth instituted in carrying about her pomander. By the way, it was in her reign that perfumes and scents began to be manufactured generally by Europeans, although as early as the Fourteenth century the Venetians competed with the dwellers in the far east in the manufacture of sweet odors.

Ingenuity today is not taxed to furnish fresh designs for scent bottles, as the gold and silversmiths have only to copy the relics of other days preserved in families and museums, the demand being only for antiques, and the supply is largely of imitations. Some beautiful patterns are devised in the form of the most grotesque of goblins and dragons, wrought out in gold and precious stones. Others are chased with scrolls and surmounted with coronets and coats of arms, suggesting German workmanship; others are carved of wood or some one of the semi-precious stones, as the onyx, the bloodstone, the carnelian and the like. These usually have a base or cup of gold or silver filigree work, and are usually of French manufacture, although the carvings may be brought from India, Switzerland and Italy; yet another is of silver inlaid with arabesques of gold, and is evidently Moorish.

Who would suppose that the common use of shoes and all kinds of foot coverings was of a much later date than the carrying of scent bottles? No one, I am sure; and yet the people of certain European countries, long after they had learned to clothe their bodies in an elaborate and costly fashion, were in the habit of "going barefooted." This was the custom even so late as the Sixteenth century, and in the Fourteenth warriors equipped in full armor rode about without any covering on either feet or legs below the knees. This would seem still more strange than it does today to one who recollects that even in this enlightened day the Scots, who would scorn any suggestion of barbarism, still cling to their national dress, which leaves knees wholly uncovered, despite the cold climate. The earliest records bear witness, however, that Moses and Aaron were commanded to take the shoes from off their feet before entering the temple, and in Egypt at that time the rich and great wore sandals incrustated with precious stones, of which the soles were made of gold. On the bottom was engraved the names of such people as had been conquered by the owners, if they happened to be of the conquering sex. Sandals with points elongated and turned up were the exclusive property of royalty. —Chicago Herald.

A bean stalk in the garden of B. H. Wimmer, Bethlehem, Pa., bears a pod twenty-four and one-half inches in length. The bean is of the asparagus (pole bean) variety.

Plant Worship.

The plant worship, which holds so prominent a place in the history of the primitive races of mankind, would appear to have sprung from a perception of the beauty and utility of trees. Survivals of this still linger on in many parts of Europe. The peasants in Bohemia will rally forth into their gardens before sunrise on Good Friday and, falling upon their knees before a tree, will exclaim: "I pray, O green tree, that God may make thee good." At night time they will run to and fro about their gardens crying: "Bud, O trees, bud, or I will flog you."

In our own country the Devonshire farmers and their men will to this day go out into their orchards after supper on the evening of Twelfth day, carrying with them a large milk pail of cider, with roasted apples pressed into it. All present hold in their hands an earthenware cup filled with liquor, and taking up their stand beneath those apple trees which have borne the most fruit, address them in these words:

"Health to thee, good apple tree,
Well to bear pocks full, but full,
Pock full, bud full, bud full!"

simultaneously dashing the contents of their cups over the trees. The observance of this ceremony, which is locally known as "wassailing," is enjoined by Thomas Tusser in his work entitled "Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry," wherein he bids the husbandman:

Wassail the trees that they may bear
You may a plum and many a pear;
For more or less fruit they will bring,
As you do them wassailing.

—Gentlemen's Magazine (London).

The Shah's Mascer.

A new and noticeable figure among the numerous dignitaries and officials in the suite of the shah of Persia is a young boy of 12, whom the shah has covered with dignities and titles, and who is an object of envy and fear to most of his majesty's ministers. His name is Goolamali Khan. He is the director of the corps of "royal pages," and one of his titles is Azizus Sultan, "Favorite of the Monarch." Neither minister, vizier nor royal prince has ever yet been allowed to sit at the shah's table, but Goolamali Khan is an exception to this law of the Persians. He is constantly by his master's side, and has more servants to wait upon him than any two of the royal ministers. The explanation of this extraordinary treatment is to be found in the Persian monarch's conviction that his life is inseparably and mysteriously bound up with that of Goolamali Khan, and that wise men have foretold that the shah's death will be preceded only a few days by that of his young favorite; that the health and prosperity of the latter will mean the health and prosperity of the former, and that, generally, whatever befalls this little one will also happen to his royal protector. This belief has resulted in the boy leading a life of ease and luxury unknown to the most fortunate courtiers in Teheran. He was seated on the knees of two magnificent grandees on the shah's entry into St. Petersburg.—New York Star.

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A Detroit woman had her pocket picked of a gold watch while at a Sunday school picnic the other day.

Russia exported to England in 1887 the large number of 1,088,000,000 eggs, which sold for 29,265,000 roubles.

A Georgia moonshiner who was released from jail on Friday was found at work in his still on Saturday and again arrested.

The editor of the Seamore (Kan.) Journal acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to a "prairie dog dinner," but has another engagement for that day.

A projected canal across the upper part of Italy, connecting from the Adriatic to the Mediterranean, would take six years to build and cost \$125,000,000.

A convict just released from the Kansas penitentiary raised while in prison 321 white rats in eight months from a single pair. He expects to sell them for pets.

North Dakota will be the first State, as a State, to make provision for a system of manual training. Forty thousand acres of land are set apart for that purpose.

A Chattanooga man stole a steamboat and took an excursion up the river. Not being an expert navigator he ran into a snag, sank the craft and narrowly escaped drowning.

On the other side every ornament usually made in other stones is now seen in garnets; brooches, pins, bracelets, combs, earrings, rings and necklaces, and in addition, very pretty picture frames in various sizes.

John Bright used to say that in one important respect a dog is superior to a man. When a man is utterly out of everything, he gives up; but a dog simply curls up and so continues to make both ends meet.

It has been calculated that the railroads of the world are worth nearly three hundred billions of dollars, or about one-tenth of the wealth of the civilized nations, or more than one-quarter of their invested capital. At this rate, all the ready money in the world would buy only about one-third of them.

Did They Mean It?

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Needn't Look Like an Undertaker.

There are people in this world so good that they make you tired. You meet them most often in good places, and they are quite apt to keep people away from the good places instead of drawing them there. The good Bishop Middleton, who had studied the thing carefully, has said: "Virtue itself offends when coupled with forbidding manners." Virtue ought not to do that, and such a coupling makes it all the worse for virtue. There is no reason why a virtuous young man should look like an undertaker, and why a sinful chap should be fascinating. Things are wrong this way. The good young man should be charming with wit and wisdom, and unconsciously he will mark his way in the world with sweetness and light and gladness, and let virtue have a better time than sin can ever have.—New Orleans Picayune.

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